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Photo by Pfc. Stephen Kretsinger

Ho Ho Hooah ...

Santa Claus departs, via "Humvee," from the Fort Carson Post Exchange parking lot to visit the local villages. Santa's trip was sponsored by the Army and Air Force Exchange Service and the Mayoral Program.



U.S. Air Force photo courtesy Staff Sgt. Steven Pearsall

U.S. Ambassador to Iraq, Paul Bremer watches the video of Saddam Hussein going through his medical examination shortly after his capture while it was being shown to the media gathered at the Iraqi Forum in Baghdad Sunday.

'We got him'

4th ID captures Saddam

by Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — With three words — "We got him" — Ambassador L. Paul Bremer III announced at a press briefing in Baghdad Sunday that U.S. forces had captured Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein near his hometown of Tikrit.

Saddam was taken into custody at a small mud-walled compound outside the village of Adwar at 8:30 p.m. Saturday.

About 600 members of the 1st Brigade, 4th Infantry Division, along with special operations forces, launched Operation Red Dawn after receiving intelligence that Saddam was in the area, said Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez, commander of coalition forces in the country.

Bremer, the coalition administrator, said it was a "great day" in Iraq's history. "For decades, hundreds of thousands of you suffered at the hands of

this cruel man," he said. "For decades, Saddam Hussein divided citizens against each other. For decades, he threatened and attacked your neighbors. Those days are over forever."

The ambassador called on Iraqis to look to the future. He urged those who supported Saddam to re-examine their views and cooperate to build a new Iraq. "Your future has never been more full of hope," he said.

Sanchez described the operation that captured Saddam. The general said it was a cordon-and-search operation, and coalition forces sustained no casualties. In fact, he said, coalition forces never fired a shot.

"For the last several months, a combination of human intelligence tips, exceptional intelligence

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Rumsfeld: terror war will continue despite Saddam's capture

by Donna Miles
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — While the Iraqi people were liberated "in fact" in April, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said here today that Saturday capture of Saddam Hussein liberated them "in spirit."

"When the coalition liberated Iraq, we told the Iraqi people that he would not be returning, except as a prisoner to face justice," the secretary told Pentagon reporters. "And the U.S. forces have now delivered on that promise."

While not minimizing the significance of the former

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526-0096

Army Secretary, Chief of Staff's holiday message to Soldiers

During this holiday season, we remember the sacrifices our Soldiers make while serving the nation in the far-flung reaches of the globe while preserving the dignity of human life. Soldiers make a difference daily and demonstrate our nation's commitment to peace, goodwill and freedom for all. We also remember that self-determination is a right our Soldiers defend for all freedom-loving people everywhere. We are blessed to serve with and honor our Soldiers, civilians, family members and retirees who have sacrificed their lives in service to our great nation and those who selflessly serve to safeguard our way of life. We also acknowledge the essential support provided to our Reserve Components by their employers and home communities.

We find ourselves in extraordinary times as our Army serves our nation at war. This is not business as usual. Many of our Soldiers have been injured and some have paid the ultimate sacrifice defending our freedoms. Our Soldiers stand in harm's way protecting our rights and our liberty so that we can enjoy this holiday. Being an Army and nation at war is a

serious commitment to victory so that our future generations can enjoy many more holiday seasons to come.

We have much to be proud of. In the last two years, we have fought two wars as part of the joint team, liberated more than 46 million people from tyranny and oppression and deployed our forces for homeland security. Our Army has proven to the world, time and time again, that we are up to any task. Around the world, our Soldiers continue to demonstrate courage, intensity and a dogged determination to succeed.

We are incredibly busy, with more than 300,000 Soldiers deployed in more than 120 countries. Every day, noble American Soldiers put it all on the line, standing shoulder to shoulder with all the brave men and women who have sacrificed so much. We are Americans, reflecting the values of the American people, and we are very fortunate to be serving the greatest nation on Earth. Soldiers, Department of the Army civilians, veterans, retirees and all of their families can take pride in the fact that their service and

sacrifices preserve the privilege of living and working in a free society.

May each of you, wherever you are, have a safe, fulfilling, and joyful holiday season. God bless each of you and your families. God bless our Army and God bless the United States.



Schoomaker

*Gen. Peter Schoomaker
Army Chief of Staff*



Brownlee

*Les Brownlee
Acting Secretary of the Army*

Soldier seeks answers, finds cornerstone

Commentary by Army 1st Lt. Steve Alvarez

**American Forces Press Service
WASHINGTON**

— As a young enlisted man nearly 20 years ago, I held the Pentagon in high regard — serving at the military's corporate headquarters was something to aim for, a goal to reach.

Since then, I have served at the nation's military headquarters several times, and now I'm back yet again, albeit briefly, as a reservist. But things have changed, and my beloved old building is no longer just a place that houses great professional and personal memories. It is now hallowed ground — it is now also a battlefield.

Before Sept. 11, 2001, each corner I turned at the Pentagon and almost every corridor I walked reminded me of a co-worker's friendly smile, a joke shared with a friend, a pat on the back from an old boss. Now all of these memories are bookends holding up an unfinished book: Volume 9-11.

Last night, as I wrapped up my duties, something inexplicable pulled me outside and around to the west side of the building. Something forced me to reflect, and made me acknowledge the tragedy that happened there.

As I wandered closer to the area, the lump in my throat grew with each step I

took. I paused and gazed at the spot where hatred had met humanity.

As I stood there and stared at the now-healed walls of the Pentagon, I allowed myself to embrace the horror this ground bore witness to. The walls, barriers, defense mechanisms — whatever label you want to apply; the emotional pillars I built to try to make sense of the incomprehensible madness — were dissolving like sand.

For two years after the attack I had watched the slow trickle of Guard and Reserve mobilizations turn into a deluge of citizen-soldiers scattered throughout the globe. Many have not seen their homes for more than a year. Our forefathers once left their homes, farms, shops, mills — in short, their lives — to defend this soil from tyranny. Today, we hunt tyrants to keep them off our soil.

We are in the profession of arms, and our job is to close on the enemy and destroy it. But nothing in my nearly 19 years of service, even the 10 years I spent as an enlisted man with a rifle slung over my shoulder, prepared me for the horrific images of innocent people being murdered as they were Sept. 11.

Children meeting a death that certainly wasn't intended for them for at least several more decades is something for which you cannot prepare. Somehow

the words "children" and "death" don't belong in the same sentence. It is a perverse juxtaposition. It is even harder for me to imagine that the men who carried out these heinous acts were once children too, but they were. They laughed and played as children do. What spawned such hatred in them that caused them to grow up and become murderers?

Our presence in places like Afghanistan and Iraq fosters and nurtures compassion and humanity in children, instead of hatred. This is a consolation. Daily, I see images from military photographers around the world: Iraqi children playing with soldiers, holding their hands, hugging them and sharing smiles with them. The blanket of fear that once chilled these children has been replaced by the warm security blanket of freedom. Good men and women are hunting the monsters under their beds.

I continued to stare, and a cool fall breeze blew in from Arlington National Cemetery just across the road and stirred me to move along, nudging me with the rustling leaves — seemingly guiding me away. Quietly, I walked away.

This is why I came back to the Pentagon — not for an answer, or an epiphany and certainly not for a resolution, but instead, maybe for hope and for reassurance. Absent of logic in such a

malicious puzzle, I realized the only thing I can count on for certain is love — love of family, love of humanity and love of country. I headed for my hotel.

Later in the evening, my wife phoned and we talked mostly about my son. In the background, I could hear him cry. It was close to his bedtime, and his evening fussiness began as my wife and I chatted.

My absence had "thrown him off track," she said. In the evening I ordinarily help put him to sleep by reading him "Goodnight Moon," his favorite bedtime story. He's normally nodding off as the book nears the end, before I can whisper the line, "Goodnight, noises everywhere."

In a few weeks I'll be home, but for many, that's not the case. On Sept. 11, many people boarded planes, drove to their offices and went about the happy routines of their daily lives; and then, and then, and then, and then . . .

Tonight I wonder, how did their wives, husbands, daughters, sons, sisters, brothers, parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, co-workers and friends prevail through this tragedy? I have no answer.

Goodnight, noises everywhere.

(1st Lt. Steve Alvarez is an Army reservist working for DefendAmerica.mil.)

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News

Post honors Soldier, NCO of Year

by **Spc. Curt Cashour**
14th Public Affairs Detachment

What makes a good Soldier? Depending on who provides the answer, the question generates a variety of responses.

Who might be a good person to ask? Surely Fort Carson Garrison Commander Col. Michael Resty Jr. could provide a suitable answer. Likewise, 7th Infantry Division and Fort Carson Command Sgt. Maj. Terrance McWilliams could offer valuable feedback.

Although they are lesser known, two more people, also well-qualified on what it takes to be a good Soldier, are Staff Sgt. William Rase and Spc. Stacie Frantz. Rase and Frantz are the respective winners of the Fort Carson Noncommissioned Officer and Soldier of the Year award for 2003.

The event is held each year by the Fort Carson command

sergeant major's office. Winners of the contest epitomize the traits, qualities and warrior ethos of the U.S. Army, McWilliams said.

This year's event culminated with a Dec. 10 awards ceremony at the Elkhorn Conference Center ballroom. During the hour-long event, about 40 of Rase and Frantz' friends and fellow Soldiers watched as McWilliams and Brig. Gen. Joseph Orr, 7th ID and Fort Carson deputy commanding general, congratulated the two winners.

Eighteen sponsors, composed of businesses from the Fort Carson and Colorado Springs community, presented Rase and Frantz with certificates of achievement as well as a host of different awards. Prizes included gift certificates, checks, U.S. Savings Bonds and various trophies.

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Photo by Spc. Curt Cashour
Spc. Stacie Frantz and Staff Sgt. William Rase, Fort Carson's Soldier and Noncommissioned Officer of the Year, receive the Army Comendation Medal Dec. 10 at the Elkhorn Conference Center.

360th Trans Soldiers return home from Iraq

by Pfc. Stephen Kretsinger
Mountaineer staff

Christmas came early for some families of Soldiers deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom when several of those Soldiers came home.

Eighty-six Soldiers from the 360th Transportation Company, 43rd Area Support Group, returned home with a ceremony at the Special Events Center Thursday. Friends, family, media and rear detachment Soldiers attended the ceremony.

The ceremony began when the Soldiers marched into the Special Events Center to applause that shook the building. The audience held a plethora of signs welcoming their loved ones home.

The national anthem and Army song were sung by all, and Brig. Gen. Joseph E. Orr, deputy commanding general, 7th Infantry Division and Fort Carson, had a few words of congratulations for the returning heroes and a well-received welcome home.

After the brief ceremony, the Soldiers were dismissed and rushed to greet their loved ones. This would be the first time they would be able to hold their wives, children, husbands and other loved ones since April.

"The feeling of being home is awesome," said Sgt. Craig Robison, a truck driver with the 360th Trans. Co., 43rd ASG. "It's been a long time coming." This was the fifth time Robison had returned home from Iraq in his military career. "The guys still over there have it rough, but they keep on pushing."

"It's really great to be home," said Sgt. Brian Morris, a truck driver with the 360th Trans. Co., 43rd ASG, while hugging his daughter, Emilee, 3. Emilee brought along a sign that said, "Welcome home, Daddy," a sentiment shared by many children there.

The 360th Trans. Co. logged thousands of miles in Iraq, but the ones that counted most to them, were the ones that brought them home.



Photo by Pfc. Stephen Kretsinger

Sgt. Craig Robison, a truck driver with the 360th Transportation Company, 43rd Area Support Group, is welcomed home by his daughter, Brittany, 13, and 15-month-old daughter, Laci.

Military

RETS branch makes over range

Retired tankers give a facelift to 'their' Range 111

by Pfc. Stephen Kretsinger
Mountaineer staff

The south Multiple Purpose Range Complex will be closing in January 2005 and will not be reopened until January to March 2007. But the folks down at Range Control have got the Soldiers covered for training.

As retired armor Soldiers, the people at Range Control know what they're doing. Range Control has rebuilt Range 111 to accommodate Soldier training while Range 143 is being fitted with digital equipment. Construction began in April and is opening today.

"We're closing down the main tank range at Fort Carson," said Bob Murphy, Remote Enhanced Targeting Systems manager, Range Control. "That is called MPRC South Range 143. They are closing it for two years, because they are going to make it a digital range.

"It's a two-year project that the Army is paying \$33 million to make the MPRC South a digital range," said Murphy. "So, there's two years that the tankers and Bradley men won't be able to shoot the main range here at Fort Carson. So we had to come up with another range.

"We had to come up with better ranges up north because for two years this is going to be our bread and butter for both 3rd Brigade and 3rd Cavalry," said Murphy.

Range Control found that not only could they construct this range themselves but also they could save money on construction in the process.

"We priced how much it would be for a contractor to build a new range," said Murphy. "Believe it or not,



Photo by pfc. Stephen Kretsinger

Retired 1st Sgt. Dick Bolter, work leader, Remote Enhanced Targeting Systems, builds up a berm around a stationary infantry target at Range 111. Bolter is one of many retired Soldiers at the RETS branch who helped reconstruct the range.

the price was \$24,800,000. So, we researched and came in and said, 'We can

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Military Briefs

Misc.

West Point — The U.S. Military Academy at West Point is looking for branch-qualified company grade officers and noncommissioned officers in the rank of sergeant first class interested in an assignment to the USMA. NCOs should have drill sergeant or platoon sergeant experience with 12 to 15 years of service to be assigned to the staff and faculty as instructors and company tactical NCOs. Selected officers will normally attend advanced civil schooling for up to two years followed by a three-year tour at West Point. For application information, go to <http://www.usma.army.mil/adjutant-general> or write to Management Operations Branch, AG Division, West Point, N.Y. 10996-1926.

Go Warrant Officer — The Army is looking for highly motivated Soldiers to fill its warrant officer ranks. Positions are open in all 45 specialties if you qualify. Soldiers with less than 12 years active federal service are encouraged to apply. For more information, contact the Warrant Officer Recruiting Team at www.usarec.army.mil/warrant or DSN 536-0484/0458/0488/0478/1860/0271.

CIF Hours

Central Issue Facility hours of operation:

Regular business hours

Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 7:30 a.m. to noon and 12:30 to 4 p.m. and Thursdays from 7:30 a.m.

to noon.

Initial/partial issues

Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8 to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 to 3 p.m.

Direct exchange

Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 12:30 to 3 p.m.

Partial turn-ins

Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 12:30 to 3 p.m.

Full turn-ins

Appointments are scheduled Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Call 524-2006 or 526-2729.

Effective immediately:

Replacement will be scheduled Mondays, Thursdays and Friday mornings.

Demobilized units tentatively have Tuesdays and Wednesdays to schedule out processing.

Mobilization units will schedule unit direct exchange by appointment. Unit supply sergeants will collect Soldiers' DX items and schedule CIF appointments. A CIF employee will work one-on-one with supply sergeant versus having bus loads of Soldiers arrive at CIF to exchange one or two items.

Active-duty units — Permanent Change of Station/End of Time and Service/chapters/retirees will make an initial out processing appointment (Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays) for turn-in. All follow-on appointments (14 OCIE items or less) will be scheduled if needed.

Bulk issue and turn-ins — by appointment only.

Appointments can be made with Connie Thompson at 526-4057 or 524-2006. POC for this information is Mark

A. Rudd Sr., CIF supervisor at 526-6477.

Briefings

eArmyU — eArmyU program briefings are conducted at the Mountain Post Training and Education Center, building 1117, Tuesdays at 9 and 11:30 a.m. and Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m.

The Army Career and Alumni

Center briefing is required for all departing servicemembers. The current ACAP policy is to register personnel ETSing one year out and retirees two years out. Briefings are held Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 8:30 to 10 a.m. Call 526-1002 or 526-0640 to schedule a briefing.

Are you ETSing? If you're within 120 days of end of time in service, you must immediately call 526-2607 or 526-2599 to make your appointment for your mandatory Reserve Component Briefing.

The Commanding General's Newcomers' Brief is the third Wednesday of each month, 1 to 3 p.m. at McMahon Theater.

Laundry Service

Post Laundry Service — The post laundry service provides free laundry and dry cleaning service to Soldiers for government-owned property only. Items issued by the Central Issue Facility should be cleaned at the Post Laundry prior to turn in. Soldiers are reminded to allow extra time for items to return from the cleaners. It is not recommended to pick up your equipment on the same day as the scheduled CIF appointment. The turn around for the service is 72 hours. No appointment is necessary. The post laundry will not clean personal items like Battle Dress Uniforms, boots, tent pegs, canteens, entrenching tools or wet-weather gear. Material TA-50 items that can be

washed include: sleeping bag assembly, chemical suits, Gortex, ruck sacks, coveralls, CVC jackets and most web equipment.

Hours of operation are 7:30 a.m. to noon and 12:30 to 3:45 p.m., Mondays through Fridays, excluding holidays. For more information, call 526-8806 or 526-8804.

Hours of operation

The Mountain Post Training and Education Center's hours for certain programs and services will change Monday.

Hours are:

eArmyU Testing center, Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Army Learning Center and basic skills classes, Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Counselor Support Center, Monday through Thursday 7 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Friday 11 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Claims Division hours — The Claims Division office hours are now Monday through Thursday from 9 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m. The office is closed Fridays.

Personnel Claims hours:

Mandatory briefing: Mondays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Submit DD 1840/1840R

Receive documents for filing:

Submitting completed Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Claims: 1 to 4 p.m. Closed on Friday.

If there is an emergency personnel claims issue on Friday, call Tina Kolb at 526-1352 to see if it warrants an appointment. **Editor's note:** The deadline for submitting "briefs" to the Mountaineer is 5 p.m. Friday before publication.

Saddam

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analytical efforts and detainee interrogations narrowed down the activities of Saddam Hussein," Sanchez said.

Sanchez said intelligence pointed to two likely spots where Saddam could be hiding. He said the Americans struck with lightning speed under cover of darkness. The troops initially did not find Saddam. "As a result, the 1st Brigade Combat Team elected to cordon the area and conduct an extensive search," Sanchez said. "Coalition forces subsequently found a suspicious location."

In the search, U.S. forces discovered a "spider hole." "After uncovering the spider hole, a search was conducted and Saddam Hussein was found hiding at the bottom of the hole," Sanchez said. "Saddam was

captured without resistance."

Coalition forces moved the former Iraqi dictator to a secure area, and he has undergone medical tests and questioning. Bremer said Saddam was "cooperative and talkative."

Coalition forces also uncovered some weapons and \$750,000 in \$100 bills. Two other Iraqis were detained.

Sanchez showed a video of the spider hole and then showed Saddam undergoing medical tests. Iraqi journalists at the press conference erupted at the sight of Saddam, shaking their fists and shouting "Death to Saddam." The Iraqi dictator had a full beard and looked disheveled.

Sanchez called the capture of Saddam "a defining moment in the new Iraq." He said the capture brings closure to the Iraqi people. "Saddam Hussein will never return to a position of power from which he can

punish, terrorize, intimidate or exploit the Iraqi people as he did for more than 35 years," the general said.

Saddam will continue to be held at an undisclosed location. The determination on how to try Saddam will be made later.

Pentagon officials said President Bush was informed of the possible capture yesterday. It was confirmed to him this morning.

The streets of Baghdad erupted with "celebratory gunfire," according to correspondents in the Iraqi capital. Officials said some Iraqi regime diehards may launch attacks, but that coalition forces are prepared. In the long term, officials said, they see the capture as going a long way to bring stability to the country.

Bremer and Sanchez, while visibly pleased by the capture, said much work remains to be done in Iraq, and pledged to continue working with the Iraqi Governing Council to build a new Iraq.

Dining Schedule

Dec. 20 to 26

Weekday Dining Facilities

43rd ASG Cheyenne Mtn. Inn (building 1040)
3rd ACR CAV House (building 2461)
Mountaineer Inn (building 1369)
10th SFG (A) (building 7481)
3rd BCT Strikers Cafe (building 2061)

Weekday Meal Hours

Breakfast 6 to 9 a.m. (All facilities)
6:30 to 8:30 a.m. (Cheyenne Mtn. Inn)
Lunch 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Dinner 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Exceptions

- Butts Army Airfield dining facility is closed until further notice.
- Patton House is closed until further notice.
- Cav House and Iron Brigade are closed Saturdays and Sundays.



Saturday, Sunday and Training Holiday Dining Facilities

3rd ACR Cav. House. (building 2461)
43rd ASG (building 1040)
Mountaineer Inn (building 1369)
3rd BCT Strikers Cafe (building 2061)

Saturday, Sunday and Training Holiday Meal Hours

Breakfast 7:30 to 9:30 a.m.
Lunch 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Dinner 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. 3 to 5 p.m. (Cheyenne Mtn. Inn)

Renewing your driver's license

Regulations for servicemembers vary from state to state

by Staff Sgt. Michael Metcalf
Vehicle Registration Office

As a Soldier serving in the military, you are often stationed a considerable distance from your home. This may make it difficult to renew your driver's license or license plate. For different reasons you may not want to transfer your driver's license or license plate over to the state you are stationed in. The good news is you may not need to.

Most states offer a "military extension of driving privileges." Essentially, this means you can legally continue to drive on your expired state driver's license for a set period of time as long as you still have your active duty military ID card.

In some states the extension is automatic, in others you have to apply for it. This can normally be done over the internet or by phone. Your family members may or may not be included.

Following is a list of the policies for states regarding driver's license renewal extensions. The number of days listed is the number of days you have after discharge from the military before your driver's license expires. (Those not listed do not offer driver's licenses extensions to military members. They require renewal by mail.)

State and policy

Arizona: 6 months (must contact DMV)

Arkansas: yes, with form, 30 days

California: valid for 30 days

Colorado: valid for 3 years or 90 days upon return to state

District of Columbia: yes, must contact DMV every 4 years)

Florida: valid 90 days

Illinois: valid for 45 days

Indiana: valid for 90 days

Iowa: valid for 6 months

Louisiana: valid for 60 days

Maine: valid for 30 days

Maryland: valid for 30 days

Massachusetts: valid for 60 days

Michigan: valid for 30 days

Minnesota: valid for 90 days

Mississippi: valid for 90 days

Montana: valid for 30 days

Nebraska: valid for 60 days

New York: valid for 180 days

after (must contact DMV)

North Dakota: valid for 30 days

Ohio: valid for 180 days

Oklahoma: valid until 60 days

after return to the United States

Pennsylvania: valid for 45 days

Rhode Island: a special operator's license may be obtained

South Dakota: valid for 30 days

Tennessee: valid for 60 days

Texas: valid for 90 days

Utah: valid for 90 days

Vermont: valid for 30 days

Virginia: valid with form, must be carried with license

Washington: valid for 90 days

West Virginia: valid for 6 months after honorable discharge

Wisconsin: valid for 90 days

Most states do not have grace periods for license plate renewals for military members. Here are the exceptions:

State and grace period

Alabama: Renewal month only

Colorado: 30 days only

Georgia: Jan. 1 to May 1

Maine: 30 days

Montana: last day of month

North Carolina: 15 days

Oklahoma: one month

Traffic Roll Up

From Nov. 13 to 27, there were 143 total citations:

- 71 for speeding
- 20 for running a stop sign or red traffic light
- 11 for having expired plates
- 1 for not having on a seatbelt
- 10 for improper parking
- 3 for DUI
- 27 for other violations

All chapped up ...

Dehydration is one culprit behind chapped lips

by Michael E. Dukes

The Stripe, Walter Reed Army Medical Center,
Washington, D.C.

Most people get chapped lips from time to time. They usually apply lip balm to their peeling and cracked lips and then forget about it. But sometimes this does little to remedy the already-active condition. Experts agree that using balms before the damage is done is most effective.

According to experts, using petrolatum or lip balm is the best treatment for dry and peeling lips, particularly in advance.

In the winter, more lips are chapped because it is so dry out. In winter, low humidity outdoors as well as indoors aggravates the lips of people who have a predisposition for chapped lips.

Chapped lips is the drying and flaking of dehydrated lips and is common in people with other skin conditions like eczema. Certain medications, like those used to treat acne and allergies to cosmetics and skin-care products, can also contribute to dry and irritated lips.

The Army has conducted several studies to assess the scope of the lip ailments affecting Soldiers.

One study performed in the early 1980s, "The Prevalence of Environmental Induced Lip Pathology Among Active-Duty Soldiers," found that chronic lip damage was as common in Soldiers working mostly indoors as those working primarily outdoors.

The study also found that people with the lightest complexions are most likely to experience chronic lip damage resulting from exposure to environmental factors.

Another study conducted in 1985, "The

Prevalence Of Lip Injury During U.S. Army Cold-Weather Exercises," and another performed in 1997, "The Prevalence Of Chapped Lips During An Army Hot-Weather Exercise," attributed chapped lips more to dehydration and moisture content than any other factor.

It is important to look for lip balms that are Sun Protection Factor 15 sunblock to block the harmful ultraviolet rays when Soldiers are outside in the sun — particularly in the summer.

Soldiers are normally issued some type of lip balm when they deploy, and experts recommend they begin to use it before they start to experience chapped lips.

Chapped lips are not something to be overly alarmed about, though. It's simply a matter of humidity.

The big thing, experts say, is to drink a lot of water so that the lips are being moisturized from the inside, use lip balms, and stop licking the lips. Licking one's lips tends to cause more irritation. Saliva actually dries the lip more.

It is most important to stay hydrated. Drinking too many caffeinated beverages can cause the drinker to lose water. Instead, drink a lot of water.

On rare occasions, infections can occur as a result of chapped lips. Carcinomas on the lip are another problem seen in some patients over 40. These patients typically have red and white blotchy lips. Sometimes the carcinomas can be hard to detect because chapped lips conceal abnormalities.

Anyone who is worried about a worsening in his or her lip health should discuss it with a dentist and possibly get a referral to see an oral pathologist.

Mental health project ends at Evans hospital

Courtesy Evans Army Community Hospital

The mental health counselor demonstration project clinical phase will end at midnight, Dec.31.

This demonstration project allowed licensed and certified mental health counselors (who met eligibility requirements for participation as TRICARE providers) to provide mental health services to covered beneficiaries without a referral by physicians or adherence to supervision requirements.

Effective Jan. 1, the existing TRICARE policy must be followed. This policy states that a mental health counselor may provide covered mental health services upon referral by, and under the supervision of a physician. The TRICARE Management Activity Office of General Counsel has confirmed that it is legally acceptable to allow existing demonstration project patients to complete episodes of care that began under the demonstration, without having to obtain a physician referral and supervision of care. The TRICARE Central Region claims processor will continue payment for services provided for episodes of care for those patients that began under the demonstration project until Sept. 30, 2004.

For more information, call Merit Behavioral Care at (888) 910-9378.

Makeover

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do it ourselves.' We came in with a bid. We priced it at a very minimum of \$725,000 and we held to that."

Range Control found interesting ways to save money during the construction of Range 111. They learned how to wire their own electrical systems. They constructed their own culverts to prevent the range from flooding which had been a problem on the old range, said Michael Camp, North Multiple Purpose Range Complex manager, Range Control, and the Range 111 project manager.

"We bought dump trucks and other vehicles that were meant to be targets from the Defense Reutilization & Marketing Office and fixed them up instead of renting," said Camp.

The people working on the Range 111 project know what they wanted in a tank range because they work at the range.

"This all done by government employees," said Murphy. "No range control in the world has ever done what we're doing."

Many of the people working on Range 111 are retired Army and retired tankers as well.

"This project has old Soldiers helping new Soldiers," said Camp. "These guys know what they would want in a tank range."

Some of people helping in the construction are Bill January, Dick Bolter, Jack Lenear and J.R. Lewellen. These men are all retired first sergeants, all work leaders for the RETS branch and all former armor soldiers and veterans. Lewellen even attended basic training at Fort Carson in 1959.

"Everyone that did this volunteered to do this, to make this a better range," said Camp.

"Civil service employees are building this range," said Murphy. "We had some help, but it was mostly us. We had equipment from 52nd Engineers that we borrowed. They're overseas so we borrowed their equipment and kept maintenance on it.

"We had eight Soldiers from the 291st Engineers and they were a great help," said Murphy. "Major Martin was the head of that team and he was the hardest working major we had ever seen."

The range has been extended from one and one-half kilometers deep to three kilometers deep. It has five moving targets, 10 battle positions between the two firing lanes, 35 main gun targets and 45 stationary infantry targets.

The old range had two lanes. The new one has four — two firing lanes, a sensing lane and a return lane.

"The main idea was to make a 'roll on, roll off' concept where all a unit has to do is roll on the range, fire and roll off," said Camp. "They don't have to do any setup. All they have to do is pull up and train. They used to have to set up ranges themselves."

"We run the range for them," said Murphy. "The units can worry 99.9 percent about training. We run the targets. We fix the targets. We run the tower. You name it; we do it. It's as it should be."

The range will be able to handle many different types of exercises, training and qualification.

"Range 111 will be able to handle from Tank Table One all the way up to Tank Table Ten," said Murphy. "It will primarily be used for Tank Tables Seven and Eight, but it can handle one through 10. That's for both Bradleys and tanks." Tank Tables are different exercises used in tank training.

"We have a range that is so much better than what we had," said Murphy.

The grand opening will kick off with a ribbon-cutting ceremony today at 10 a.m. at Range 111.

Rumsfeld

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Iraqi dictator's capture, Rumsfeld was quick to emphasize that it is just one additional step forward in the global war on terror.

"The global war on terror continues," he said.

"The war on terror is not about one man, and it is not about one country.

"As the president has said, we remember the lessons of Sept. 11, the day when more than 3,000 innocent people were killed here at home," Rumsfeld said.

"And we still face terrorists — terrorists in Iraq, Afghanistan and across the world — who seek to harm our people."

Rumsfeld said the war on terror will continue until we have defeated all of those forces.

"Challenges remain," he said. "But the coalition forces will see the mission through."

Turning to other progress in the war on terror, the secretary mentioned the dedication and opening of the highway linking Kandahar and Kabul in Afghanistan.

"Although it is certainly less dramatic news than the capture of Saddam Hussein, this is important," Rumsfeld said.

"It will facilitate commerce, it will attract foreign investment, it should improve security of the people of the country — while helping to unify the country by linking the various regions to the capital."

Rumsfeld said this is another indication that "Afghanistan, like Iraq, is making progress on the path to self-government and self-reliance."

Competition

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The event echoed with admiration and respect for Rase and Frantz, as the Soldiers received compliments from McWilliams, Orr and each of the sponsors.

It is Soldiers such as Rase and Frantz who will become the next sergeants major of the Army, Orr said.

So, are Rase and Frantz worthy of all the praise? Yes, according to their supervisors and fellow Soldiers.

Sgt. Tommy Posey, Frantz's supervisor at the 148th Military Police Detachment, said she is the ideal Soldier.

"She possesses every quality Soldiers should have. She is the future of today's Army," Posey said.

As the 148th's unit armorer, Frantz is responsible for roughly \$2 million worth of weapons and special equipment, Posey said. Our commander can sleep well at night knowing Frantz is in charge of the arms room, he added.

Rase enjoys a similar reputation at his unit, the K-9 section of the 148th, where he maintains the training for the unit's dogs as the plans and operations NCO.

Rase's supervisor, Sgt. 1st Class Eugene Marchand said he knew Rase would be a good candidate for NCO of the year when he first met him two

years ago.

"I was impressed by the way he carried himself and his level of knowledge," Marchand said.

But Rase and Frantz didn't win their awards strictly because of their reputations around their unit. The road to NCO/Soldier of the Year is paved with many challenging boards similar to the ones NCOs must pass to earn promotions.

Rase and Frantz tackled a total of eight boards on their way to the award, Rase said.

The boards start at the unit level with Soldier-of-the-month competitions. Winners then go on to compete in boards at the battalion, brigade and post levels, said Staff Sgt. Derrick Knight, who served as board recorder for the competition.

The boards for NCO/Soldier of the Year consisted of four members, all of whom are either sergeants major or command sergeants major, with McWilliams serving as president of the board, Knight said.

Board members quizzed participating Soldiers on everything from current events and Fort Carson history to subjects such as military customs and courtesies, map reading and first aid procedures, Knight said.

Preparation is the key to success at the boards, said Frantz, a 22-year-old Dallas, Ga., native who has been in the Army about four and a half



Photo by Spc. Curt Cashour

Staff Sgt. William Rase trains Dak, a Belgian shepherd, who is one of the military working dogs for the 148th Military Police Detachment. Rase trains dogs like Dak to perform tasks such as finding narcotics, explosives and people.

years. Frantz said she studied two to three times a week to prepare for each board.

Whether on the board or at her unit, Frantz says she uses the same approach. "I like to do my best at everything. If you're not going to do your best, what's the point?"

Like Frantz, Rase's successes in the NCO/Soldier of the Year competition are a reflection of the dedication he puts into his job at his unit.

The 27-year-old from St. Louis typically works 14 or 15-hour days.

Both Frantz and Rase say they are happy to have won their award, but they each place a different significance on the honor.

Frantz says she is proud to have achieved such a great accomplishment, while Rase, an eight-year Army veteran, looks at things in a different light.

"The award looks good for the unit, but the best satisfaction is just the appreciation of your guys and what you do for them," Rase said.

Community

Stocking stuffing:

Gate guards receive gifts from post CDC

by Spc. Jon Wiley
Mountaineer staff

Fort Carson's gate guards didn't have to wait until Christmas Eve to have their stockings stuffed this year because the staff, parents and children of the Child Development Center did Santa's job for him.

Mary Willis and Damita Wilkinson, CDC staff members, delivered huge stockings stuffed with candy, toothpaste, soap, lotions, shaving razors and other goodies to every post gate and Military Police station to show their appreciation to Reserve, National Guard and active-duty Soldiers for keeping the Mountain Post secure.

"Some of (the guards) are away from their families and this would make it a better holiday season for them. We wanted (them) to know they are thought of and (we) thank them for the job they do," said Willis.

Pfc. Mark Whisker, a member of the Colorado National Guard who was checking identification cards at Gate 1 when a stocking was delivered, said the gift caught him totally

off-guard. Whisker, a Denver resident, has been pulling guard duty on Fort Carson since May 1.

"(The stocking) was a nice surprise," he said. "Pulling guard duty can be hard this time of year because of the weather, but most of the people who come through (the gate) are nice," he added.

Willis got the idea to give the Soldiers stockings in November. She passed them out to nine CDC classes Dec. 1. Then, the staff, with the help of the children, worked together to decorate them.

After the stockings were covered with glitter, felt hands and other creative touches, they were hung in the center with signs asking for donations from the children's parents and the center's staff, Willis said.

Before distributing the stockings, the center held a contest for the best decorated stocking and the winning class received a pizza party.

Willis said the project was so successful she plans to do something similar for the guards on Valentine's Day.



Photo by Spc. Jon Wiley

Sgt. Peter Esta', 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry Div., takes a break from duty at Carson's Gate 1 to accept a stocking stuffed with goodies from Mary Willis and Damita Wilkinson on behalf of the Child Development Center.

Community Events

Miscellaneous

Gate Closure — Gate 4 will close from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. seven days a week Saturday to Jan. 3, 2004. This temporary change of hours is to allow Soldiers to spend time with their families during the holiday season. The gate will return to operating 24 hours a day, seven days a week Jan. 3.

Road Closure — Harr Avenue, the short bumpy, muddy section of road between Chiles and Specker avenues in front of the natural gas refueling station, will be closed for reconstruction until February 2004. The natural gas refueling station can be accessed from Specker, via the dirt road that runs north around the contractor's storage yard.

Criminal Investigations — CID is looking for information leading to the apprehension and conviction of the person(s) responsible for the theft of two motorcycles from the privately owned vehicles sales lot Nov. 14 or 15. The vehicles that were taken are a 2002 Harley Davidson Dyna Glide Super T Sport. (vehicle identification number is 1HDIGLV132Y315199) and a 1989 Yamaha YSR50 (VIN JYA2RRA05KA037121).

If you have any information, contact Special Agent Jason Dailey at 524-1086 or the military police at 526-2333.

Thrift Shop — The Fort Carson thrift shop will be closed until Jan. 5. Regular business hours will resume Jan. 6. The thrift shop is currently accepting applications for disbursement of funds. These funds are available to nonprofit organizations and individuals who are advancing their education. For more information call 526-5966.

Evans Army Community Hospital closures for the holidays — The emergency room will be open 24 hours a day and seven days a week.

Outpatient pharmacy:

Friday - Reduced staff after 2 p.m. for holiday parties

Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve, limited staff

Dec. 25 - Christmas day, closed

Dec. 26 - Military training holiday, closed

Jan. 1 - New Year's Day, closed

Jan. 2 - Military training holiday, limited staff

Jan. 16 - Military training holiday, limited staff

Jan. 19 - Martin Luther King's birthday, closed Clinics:

Dec. 19 - Closed after 2 p.m. for holiday parties

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Dec. 25, 26 - Closed

Jan. 1, 2 - Closed

For assistance call a patient representative at 526-7225/7256.

Tax season — The Fort Carson Tax Center will open Jan. 20. It is located in building 6264, on Woodfill Road, across from the Colorado Inn and the Elkhorn Conference Center. Free tax services are available for active duty servicemembers and their family members; mobilized reservists and their family members; servicemembers receiving either retirement or disability pay and their family members; and surviving family members of active-duty, mobilized reservists and retired servicemembers.

The Fort Carson Tax Center will electronically file your return and have federal and state tax forms available. In order for your tax return to be completed, you will need to bring all W-2s, Social Security cards for yourself and all family members, a power of attorney, if filing for your spouse, and all relevant financial information.

Protestant Women of the Chapel — The PWOC invites you to a display of song, dance, testimony and a feast in honor of the birth of Jesus Christ Tuesday 9 to 11:25 a.m. at the Soldiers'

Memorial Chapel.

The PWOC is also hosting a Bible study in a relaxing coffee house atmosphere at Soldiers' Memorial Chapel Jan. 6, 2004, 9 to 11:25 a.m. Child-care is provided with proof of immunizations. For more information, call Michelle Fowles 382-9056.

Wives of Warriors Conference — WOW is hosting a community conference at the Soldiers' Memorial Chapel Jan. 30, 7 to 9 p.m. and Jan. 31 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Topics will include: keeping a marriage strong, parenting skills, how to deal with stress and time management. Free child-care and lunch will be provided. For more information, call Denise Castle 540-0777 or Betty Moore 573-0332.

Red Cross — The next cardiopulmonary resuscitation class will be Saturday 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Evans Army Community Hospital, Room 1801. Registration is \$40, which includes a skills card and information booklet. Call 526-7825 for more details.

Felicia Wilkinson is the new health and safety coordinator. Her office is at Evans Army Community Hospital, room 1801, and her phone number is 526-7825. Her work hours are Monday to Friday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

New and gently used formal wear is still needed for the Revolving Dress Collection. Dresses go to Army wives attending balls and other formal events. If you have a donation, call Theresa at 576-1767.

If you are interested in babysitting classes, call Tammy at 526-1058.

For swim lessons, call Crystal at 526-3122.

Gold Star Wives and Mothers — The Gold Star Wives and Mothers organization is working with Fort Carson's Casualty Assistance Office to ensure that eligible families receive a gold star pin. For more information about this program, contact JaNene Skinner at 597-5630 or visit www.goldstarwives.org and www.goldstarmoms.com.

Nominate Your Hero — Army Community Service Financial Readiness is promoting the "Community of Heroes" award program. This program recognizes those within our community who exhibit the spirit of kindness and community service, without hesitation, as a way of life. For details and nomination applications visit www.csbbb.org/index.php?CAT_UID=98. Information will also be available on the ACS Web site at www.carson.army.mil (click on ACS). Applications are available at ACS, building 1526 (next to the commissary). For more details, contact the Financial Readiness Manager, Pat Randle, at 526-4590. Deadline for nomination of your hero is Dec. 31.

Santa suit rental — The Enlisted Spouses Charitable Organization is conducting its annual Santa suit rental for only \$20. For more information, call the ESCO office at 524-1115.

If you are interested in meeting new people and having a great time, please join us. If interested, please attend a meeting or e-mail us at CarsonESCO@hotmail.com or call our office at the Family Connection Center 524-1115.

The Barbara Jordan Health Policy Scholars Program — The Scholars Program is now accepting applications for the summer of 2004. The program brings talented African-American, Latino, Asian/Pacific-Islander, and American-Indian/Alaska Native college seniors and recent graduates to Washington, D.C., where they work in congressional offices and learn about health policy.

Through the nine-week program, June 1 through July 30, scholars gain knowledge about federal legislative procedure and health-policy issues, while further developing their critical thinking and leadership skills. In addition to an internship in a congressional office, scholars participate in seminars and site visits to augment their knowledge of healthcare issues, and write



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The deadline for applications is Jan. 30. For additional information, contact Patricia Rosas at 526-5818.

Harmony in Motion — Harmony in Motion is looking vocalist and musicians. Anyone interested can call Staff Sgt. Gogins-Watkins at 526-4302.

Claims against the estate

Claims against the estate — With deepest regrets to the family of Spc. James R. Wolf, deceased. Anyone having claims against or indebtedness to his estate should contact Capt. Jason M. Whitten at 526-0028 or 526-0029.

Claims against the estate — With deepest regrets to the family of Staff Sgt. Ernest Bucklew, deceased. Anyone having claims against or indebtedness to his estate should contact CW2 Robert Alequin at 201-7129.

Claims against the estate — With deepest regrets to the family of Staff Sgt. Stephen A. Bertolino, deceased. Anyone having claims against or indebtedness to his estate should contact CW2 Robert A. Alequin at 210-7129.

Claims against the estate — With deepest regrets to the family of Staff Sgt. Dale A. Panchot, deceased. Anyone having claims against or indebtedness to his estate should contact 2nd Lt. Collin Bissell at 526-1567.

Claims against the estate — With deepest regrets to the family of Sgt. David J. Goldberg, deceased. Anyone having claims against or indebtedness to his estate should contact Capt. Todd M. Gould at 526-6806/6809.



Photos by Sgt. Chris Smith, above and bottom right; Spc. Jon Wiley, above right

Saying goodbye . . .

Above and right: Soldiers pay their final respects to Spc. David J. Goldberg, 52nd Engineer Battalion, U.S. Army Reserve, 43rd Area Support Group during a memorial service at the Provider Memorial Chapel Dec. 12. Goldberg died Nov. 26 of a noncombat related injury while serving in Qayyarah, Iraq.

Above right: Spc. Gary B. Coleman, 1st Battalion, 68th Armored Regiment, 3rd Brigade, 4th Infantry Division, was remembered during a ceremony at the Soldiers' Memorial Chapel Dec. 5. Coleman died Nov. 21 while serving in Balad, Iraq, after a vehicle he was driving flipped over into a canal trapping him inside.



Chaplain's Corner

Hanukkah: Festival of Lights begins today

Commentary by Chap. John Powledge, Reserve and Mobilization Support

Alexander the Great was one of the greatest military leaders ever known.

By battle he subdued a huge empire under his rule, which stretched from Greece in the West to India in the East and from Macedonia in the north to Egypt in the south. However, he died young, and his empire was split into four kingdoms ruled by four of his generals. One of these kingdoms was known as the Seleucid Kingdom and was situated to the northeast of Israel.

After a time, the rule of this kingdom fell to Antiochus who took the name Epiphanes, meaning "God made manifest," because he considered himself to be a god. He was a very evil king who hated the Jews because they would not worship him, his gods, and they lived according to a moral code that he despised. Eventually, he forbade the worship of the one true god, went into the temple of God in 168 B.C., and defiled the altar of God by sacrificing a pig to the Greek's supreme god Zeus.

In response, a faithful Jewish priest, Mattathias from the town of Modin, and his sons began a revolt against Antiochus for religious freedom and to set Israel free from this foreign scourge. The revolt began in Modin when a garrison of Seleucid soldiers went there to force sacrifice from the people to Antiochus. A Jewish traitor then agreed to take part in it and

Mattathias killed the traitor and the Seleucid soldiers. He and his sons with a few followers headed for the hills. Mattathias was elderly and died within the year. His son Judas took over as leader and after much fighting and many victories took Jerusalem back from the enemy and in 165 B.C. rededicated the temple to God.

Today, Hanukkah is celebrated by the lighting of an eight-branch candelabra, known as a menorah, one candle each day. This commemorates the great miracle of one bottle of sanctified oil, enough to burn for one day, burning for the full eight days necessary to dedicate the temple and produce more of the oil. Additionally, foods fried in oil, like potato latkes, are eaten as well as sweets given as Hanukkah money for gifts. Children also play various games and sing songs that call attention to the meaning of the holiday.

Jesus celebrated Hanukkah, also known as the Feast of Dedication or Festival of Lights. In John 10:22-23 we read, "Now it was the Feast of Dedication ... And Jesus walked in the temple, in Solomon's porch." This is interesting because it was with the backdrop of the temple all lit up for the holiday that Jesus made his famous sermon about being the light of the world and calling his disciples to similarly be light.

Hanukkah begins with the lighting of the first candle on the evening of Dec. 19 this year and lasts for eight days. Celebrate this wonderful holiday that

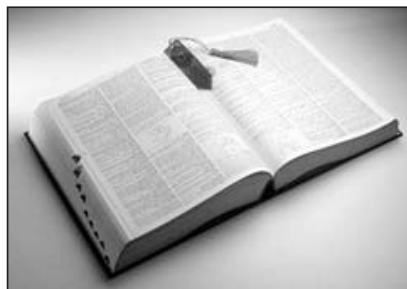
speaks of God's everlasting faithfulness to his people with me.

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Personal safety — The Fort Carson Catholic Women's Group will host a program on personal safety Jan. 9 at 6 p.m. at Soldiers' Memorial Chapel. The program will be preceded by praying the rosary at 5 p.m. and the mass at 5:30 p.m. For more information, call Delene Baty at 393-1444.



Chapel

Holiday schedule — Fort Carson chapel worship

Catholic services

All Holy Day Masses are at Soldiers' Memorial Chapel.

Christmas Eve:

Family Christ-Mass, 5 p.m.

Christ-Mass, 9 p.m.

Christmas Day:

Christ-Mass, 10 a.m.

Dec. 31

Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God Vigil Mass, 5 p.m.

Holy Day child-care will be provided only for the 5 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass.

Child-care is also provided at all 5 p.m.

Saturday Masses, 9:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Sunday Masses.

Protestant Services.

Children's Christmas program, Sunday 11 a.m., Soldiers' Memorial Chapel

Christmas Eve — at 7 p.m., Soldiers'

Memorial Chapel and 7:30 p.m. at Prussman Chapel

Christmas Day — 10 a.m., Provider Chapel

Dec. 31 — Watchnight service at Prussman

Chapel, 9 to 12:30 a.m.

Chapel Schedule

ROMAN CATHOLIC

Day	Time	Service	Chapel	Location	Contact Person
M-W-F	noon	Mass	Healer	Evans Army Hospital	Fr. Battiato/649-5260
Tues., Wed., Thurs.	noon	Mass	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Chap. Patton/526-5769
Saturday	5 p.m.	Mass	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Chap. Patton/526-5769
Sunday	8 a.m.	Mass	Prussman	Barkeley & Prussman	Chap. Patton/526-5769
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Mass	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Chap. Patton/526-5769
Sunday	10:45 a.m.	CRE	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Pat Treacy/526-5744
Sunday	11 a.m.	Mass	Healer	Evans Army Hospital	Fr. Battiato/649-5260
Sunday	12:15 p.m.	Mass	Provider	Barkeley & Ellis	Chap. Patton/526-5769
Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	RCIA	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Pat Treacy/526-5744
Saturday	4 p.m.	Reconciliation	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Chap. Patton/526-5769

PROTESTANT

Sunday	9 a.m.	Protestant	Healer	Evans Army Hospital	Chap. Kincaid/526-7387
Sunday	9 a.m.	Protestant	Provider	Barkeley & Ellis	Chap. Borden/526-3711
Sunday	11 a.m.	Protestant	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Chap. Fox/526-8011
Sunday	11 a.m.	Prot./Gospel	Prussman	Barkeley & Prussman	Chap. Byrd/526-2811
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Sun. School	Prussman	Barkeley & Prussman	Chap. Byrd/526-2811
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Sun. School	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Dr. Schreck/526-5626
Tuesday	9 a.m.	PWOC	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Chap. Fox/524-1166
Sunday	11 a.m.	Contemporary	Veterans'	Magrath & Titus	Chap. Ellison/526-8890
Sunday	6 p.m.	PYOC	Soldiers'	Nelson & Martinez	Ms. Schreck/524-1166

LITURGICAL

Sunday	10:45 a.m.	Lutheran	Provider	Barkeley & Ellis	Chap. Lloyd/526-3888
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JEWISH

For information and a schedule of Jewish Sabbath services, call the U.S. Air Force Academy Cadet Chapel at 333-2636.

WICCA

Monday	6:30 p.m.	Family University	Building 1161	Melissa Dalugudg/330-7873
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MORMON

Sunday	2 p.m.	LDS	Provider	Barkeley & Ellis	Chap. Jones/526-3718
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NATIVE AMERICAN SWEATLODGE

Native American Sweatlodge ceremonies (He Ska Akicita Inipi) are offered to military personnel, dependents and Department of Defense personnel for traditional prayer and purification. Fasting before the ceremony is recommended and refreshments are offered following the ceremony. . Please call the following for ceremonial information and directions. Michael Dunning 382-5331 or 330-9537, or Zoe Goodblanket 442-0929.

For additional information, contact the Installation Chaplain's Office, building 1550, at 526-5209. Normally, free child-care is available during on-post worship services.

Daily Bible readings: In order to assist in regular scripture reading, the following scriptures are recommended. These scriptures are part of the common daily lectionary which is designed to present the entire Bible over a three-year cycle.

Friday - Psalms 18 & Isaiah 31-33

Saturday - Psalms 19 & Isaiah 34-36

Sunday - Psalms 20 & Isaiah 37-39

Monday - Psalms 21 & Isaiah 40-42

Tuesday - Psalms 22 & Isaiah 43-45

Wednesday - Isaiah 9:2-7 & Luke 2:1-20

Thursday - Isaiah 62:10-12 & Luke 2:1-20

The Army Cycle Of Prayer — Each week the Office of the Army Chief of Chaplains will highlight Army units, the Army at large, the nation and religious organizations to focus prayer. You are invited to join with the chaplain community and pray for these individuals and organizations. Please pray this week for the following: **Unit:** For the Soldiers and leaders of the 1st Infantry Division ("Big Red One"), forward deployed in Wuerzburg, Germany. **Army:** For the Soldiers, noncommissioned officers and officers of the Infantry Branch. Ask God to provide leaders that will decisively train for and lead their units to victory in battle. **State:** For all soldiers and families from the state of Kansas. Pray also for Gov. Bill Graves, the state legislators and municipal officials of the Jayhawk state. **Nation:** For the memory and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Pray that God would lead us to realize King's vision of a land where constitutional freedoms are a reality for all, and where civility and nonviolent change become a way of life for our citizens. **Religious:** For the soldiers and families from the Moravian Church. Pray also for all military chaplains endorsed to serve on behalf of this community of faith.

For more information on the Army Cycle of Prayer, or to pray for items from previous weeks, visit the cycle's Web site at www.usarmychaplain.com.

Job well-done ...

President recognizes AFTB trainer

by **Beth Lawson**
Mountaineer volunteer

When President George W. Bush visited Fort Carson Nov. 24, his official greeter was Army Family Team Builder master trainer, Diane Campbell.

Bush later addressed more than 6,000 federal employees, soldiers and family members. While speaking, the president mentioned how

honored he was to be in the presence of so many great citizens who proudly wear a U.S. military uniform, as well as people like Campbell.

"The reason I bring up Diane Campbell is, oftentimes, people measure the strength of America based on the number of tanks and airplanes we have, or the size of our wallets. No, the strength of America

lies in the hearts and souls of our citizens," Bush said. He went on to say that people such as Campbell provide training and information to military spouses and families to help them adjust to military life. He said they are the ones who reach out and answer the call to love a neighbor.

"The true strength of America is the American people because we're a compassionate, decent, caring, lov-

ing people. I want to thank Diane and all the Army Family Team Building members for your service. I ask you all to reach out a hand to somebody who hurts. I ask you to help us change our country one lonely soul at a time," Bush said.

The unexpected AFTB recognition from Bush was met with cheers and shouts as well as a feeling of great pride.

2 local children get special gift from community

by **Pfc. Stephen Kretsinger**
Mountaineer staff

Two local children now know how this community takes care of its own. They were given a Christmas surprise they are not likely to soon forget.

The students of Grant Elementary School in Colorado Springs raised \$3,143.22 to help send Anthony and Megan Mitchell to see their father for Christmas. The children's father, Staff Sgt. Roy Mitchell, 10th Mountain Division, was badly wounded in Afghanistan Nov. 23. The father is currently in the Intensive Care Unit at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington, D.C.

The effort began when principal Pat Ring sent out a letter Dec. 1 asking parents for a small donation. The families instantly gave what they could. Some children responded by breaking into their own piggy banks. More than 500 children donated to the cause and all but two donations were more than \$20. The money was raised in only five days.

"I'm thrilled that the children have learned that we are all in this together," said Ring. "They really wanted to contribute something to our Soldiers overseas and this was their chance."

"It's a real Christmas blessing that the children will be able to see their dad and that he will recover," said Jennifer Mitchell, Anthony and Megan's mother.

The children will leave Friday to visit their father with enough money to cover airfare, hotel costs and maybe a little extra for Christmas gifts.



Photo by Pfc. Stephen Kretsinger

Happy birthday ...

Lynn Wilson, left, the commanding general's wife, and Sue Teeple, honorary advisor, Army Family Team Building, and wife to the commander of the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, cut the cake at the Fort Carson Post Exchange for the AFTB's 10th birthday Monday.

Air quality: installation, regional concern

Fort Carson takes steps in environmental responsibility

by Susan Galentine-Ketchum
Directorate of Environmental
Compliance and Management

"It is our collective and individual responsibility to protect and nurture the global family, to support its weaker members and to preserve and tend to the environment in which we all live."

- Dalai Lama

Sustainability has many definitions. The Fort Carson concept of sustainability is: "The use of resources to meet the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations (or Soldiers) to meet their

own needs (mission)."

Sustainable training ranges goal: Reduce hazardous air pollutant emissions to zero.

The intent of the goal: To provide cleaner air for everyone in the community, better working conditions for those at Fort Carson and a healthier regional environment.

Current hazardous air pollutant reduction efforts:

Fort Carson is in the process of switching to low-emissions, hazardous air pollutant-free chemical agent resistant coatings to paint Army vehicles in building 8000 paint booths by 2004. The building 8000 paint booths emit roughly 7,000 pounds of hazardous air pollutants per year.

Fort Carson is researching the installation of better vapor recovery systems at gas pumps. The three Army and Air Force Exchange Service gasoline stations at Fort Carson emit about 5,780 pounds of hazardous air pollutants per year,

through vapors that escape during the refueling of privately owned vehicles. By installing this type of pollution control technology, emissions would be reduced annually by 1,100 pounds of hazardous air pollutants. Reducing these emissions will allow the installation to realize a 5 percent reduction in overall hazardous air pollutants toward the five-year target of a 60 percent reduction.

How you can reduce hazardous air pollutants:

- Carpool to and from work to reduce vehicle emissions.
- Purchase less toxic paints and chemicals for home improvement projects. Look for products with low or no volatile organic compounds/hazardous air pollutants.
- Future hazardous air pollutant reduction goals:
- Analyze painting methods and use of equipment. Minimizing hazardous air pollutant emissions will

require using new technology and substituting materials, as well as business practice changes. Better painting practices could minimize paint use, minimize emissions, and therefore improve indoor working conditions for spray painters and other personnel

working in the area, as well as potentially decrease costs in the long-run by using less paint.

• Form a team to analyze, plan and implement programs to further reduce hazardous air pollutants. Other sources of hazardous air pollutants at Fort Carson include boilers, miscellaneous chemical use, open

burn/open detonation and storage tanks.

If you want to find out more about reducing hazardous air pollutants, contact Kelly O'Neill, the installation sustainability planner. Her e-mail address is kelly.o'neill@carson.army.mil.

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Enduring GEM of the West*

Red Dawn

The end of an era

by Pfc. Aimee J. Felix
Mountaineer staff

L. Paul Bremer III, U. S. Ambassador to Iraq, announced in a press briefing Sunday that U. S. forces had captured Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein near his hometown of Tikrit. It's been just over eight months since Saddam's regime fell to a U. S. led coalition offensive launched March 20.

February 24, the United States, Great Britain and Spain proposed a resolution to the United Nations Security Council that concluded it was time to authorize use of military force in Iraq. By March 14, the U.S. enforced the proposed resolution.

On March 17, President George W. Bush gave Saddam and his sons 48 hours to leave Iraq, or they'd face war.

Operation Iraqi Freedom was launched March 19 by the United States with an initial air strike targeting Saddam and other Iraqi leaders in Baghdad. The second round of air strikes against Baghdad was launched concurrently with the first entry of ground troops March 20.

This started the major phase of the war with continued heavy aerial attacks on Baghdad; it ended April 9 with the fall of Baghdad. In the days that followed, U. S. forces took control of the northern cities of Kirkuk and Mosul.

May 1 the United States officially declared the end of major combat operations in Iraq. Soon after, on May 22, the United Nations ended 13 years of economic sanctions against Iraq canceling all restrictions on trade. That same day, the U. N. approved a resolution acknowledging the United States and the United Kingdom as occupying powers in Iraq.

The operations that followed were Operation Desert Scorpion, June 17 and Operation Desert Sidewinder, June 29. Desert Scorpion was aimed at rooting out Hussein loyalists; nearly 400 Iraqis were arrested. Desert Sidewinder included more than 20 operations simultaneously carried out by the Air Force and various infantry divisions.

Iraqi's interim governing council, made up of 25 Iraqis appointed by U. S. and British officials, was inaugurated and had their first governing council meeting July 13.

The council would help draw up a new constitution for the country with Paul Bremer

retaining ultimate veto power and authority. They were officially sworn in Sept. 3.

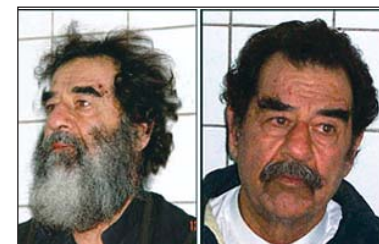
After failing to meet the president's ultimatum, Saddam's sons, Uday and Qusay, were killed July 22 in the city of Mosul by U. S. forces. Former vice president Taha Yassin Ramadan and Ali Hassan "Chemical Ali" al-Majid were arrested Aug. 18. The next day, a suicide attack against the U. N. headquarters in Iraq killed 22 and wounded hundreds.

Former defense minister Sultan Hashim Ahmad surrendered Sept. 19, bringing the number of most wanted uncaptured Iraqi officials down to 40 from the initial list of 55.

As a result of a number of suicide car bombings that took place in October, the United Nations temporarily withdrew its foreign personnel from Baghdad.

Nov. 2, a Chinook helicopter, carrying U. S. troops on leave, was shot down by a missile near Fallujah, killing 16 Soldiers and wounding 26. Approximately two weeks later, on Nov. 15, two Black Hawk helicopters collided over Mosul, killing 17 U.S. Soldiers.

Saturday Saddam Hussein, responsible for a U. S. Soldier death toll of 362, was finally captured.



Department of Defense photos
Photos of Saddam Hussein shown during a briefing at the Iraqi Forum in Baghdad Sunday. Saddam was found Saturday hiding in a "spider hole" at a farmhouse near Tikrit.

June 17, 2003

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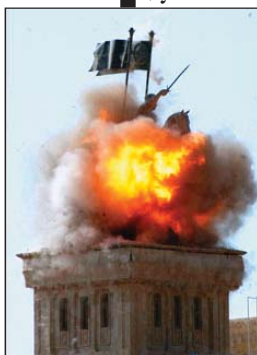
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Courtesy photo

Soldiers on deployment training from the 3rd Military Police Battalion simulate enemy soldiers during prisoner-of-war training in Camp New York, Kuwait.

July 18, 2003



Staff Sgt. Craig Pickett

A sword-wielding, horse-riding statue of Saddam Hussein is engulfed in a ball of flames as it is blown from its perch outside Saddam's palatial grounds in Tikrit, Iraq.

Nov. 17, 2003



U.S. Air Force photo by Tech Sgt. John M. Foster

For the first time in several decades Iraqi citizens are able to protest peacefully with no fear of reprisal. This peaceful demonstration by several Iraqi people is outside a coalition checkpoint in central Baghdad.

Dec. 14, 2003



U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Steven Pearsall.

U.S. Ambassador to Iraq, Paul Bremer watches the video of Saddam Hussein going through his medical examination shortly after his capture while it was being shown to the media gathered at the Iraqi Forum in Baghdad Sunday.



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Staff Sgt. Charles Leverette, a member of the U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program, earns a berth in the U.S. Olympic Trials with a 13-5 victory over Marine Cpl. Roderick Prevost in the 201-pound division of the 2004 Armed Forces Boxing Championships at Camp Lejeune, N.C. Dec. 11.

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WCAP boxers knock out competition

by Tim Hipps

**U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center Public Affairs
Camp Lejeune, N.C.** — Four more Soldiers qualified for the 2004 U.S. Olympic Boxing Team Trials by winning their weight divisions in the 2004 Armed Forces Boxing Championships Dec. 11 at French Creek Recreation Center here.

Staff Sgt. Torrence Daniels (119 pounds), Pfc. Keith Mason (141), 2nd Lt. Boyd Melson (152) and Staff Sgt. Charles Leverette (201) will be boxing at the Olympic Trials, which are scheduled for Feb. 17 to 21 at Tunica, Miss.

Staff Sgt. DeAndrey Abron, who qualified for the trials in the Golden Gloves of America National Tournament of Champions in May, won the 178-pound Armed Forces title after boxing to a 14-14 tie against Marine Lance Cpl. Jacob Garretson. The winner of their rugged, four-round bout was determined by Abron's 67-50

advantage on raw punches.

Brothers Spc. Clarence Joseph (165) and Spc. Edward Joseph (152) qualified for the trials earlier in the year at the Golden Gloves and Police Athletic League National Championships.

The boxers in the U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program are coached by Staff Sgt. Basheer Abdullah, who will lead Team USA's boxing team into the 2004 Olympic Games at Athens, Greece.

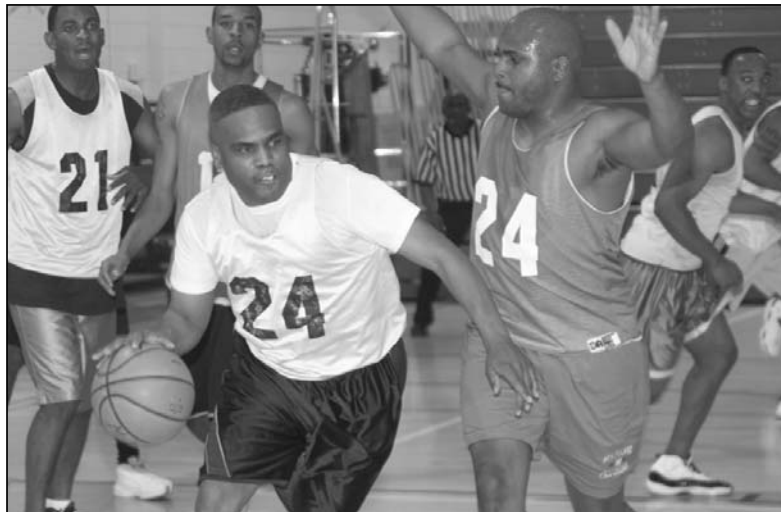
The Army's good news doesn't stop there. Although women's boxing is not an Olympic sport, two female Soldiers won Armed Forces crowns.

Spc. Christine Boilard of Fort Huachuca, Ariz., posted a 35-8 decision over Lance Cpl. Laura Barrow of Twentynine Palms, Calif., in the 119-pound division. Last year, Boilard won the 114-pound division.



Spc. Keith Mason, a member of the U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program, circles Airman 1st Class Robert Luna Jr. after knocking him down in the 141-pound finale of the 2004 Armed Forces Boxing Championships at Camp Lejeune, N.C. Mason won the bout, 25-4, and earned a berth in the 2004 U.S. Olympic Boxing Team Trials.

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Photos by Spc. Jon Wiley

He's got game ...

Above: Jameel Gill, 24, Headquarters Company, 7th Infantry Division, pushes past Brian Glasper, 24, 32nd Transportation Company, to drive toward the basket in the second half. Despite their second-place finish in the Fort Carson pre-season intramural basketball tournament, HHC, 7th ID couldn't do anything to stop 32nd Trans. Co., during their regular season game at McKibben Physical Fitness Center Monday. Scoring just seconds after the clock started in the first half, 32nd Trans. Co. held the lead for the entire game for a finish of 54-40.

Left: Anthony Byrd, 13, 32nd Transportation Company, reaches over Cliff Davis, 23, HHC, 7th ID, to score with 45 seconds left on the clock for the first half.



Photo courtesy Tim Hipps, USACFSC Public Affairs

Staff Sgt. Torrence Daniels, a member of the U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program, wins the 119-pound division of the 2004 Armed Forces Boxing Championships with a 38-10 decision over Airman 1st Class Carlos Casasola Dec. 11.

Sgt. Jennifer Greb, a native of Baltimore stationed at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, won a 47-12 decision over Marine Lance Cpl. Amanda Myers of Iwakuni, Japan.

Two others settled for silver medals: Sgt. Cherie Retamozzo (125) of Fort Bragg, N.C., and Spc. Danielle Miner (165) of Camp Carroll, Korea.

Daniels, a WCAP boxer at Fort Carson, Colo.,

got the Army team rolling with a 38-10 victory over Airman 1st Class Carlos Casasola, who opened like gangbusters in the first fight of the night. Daniels backed Casasola into the ropes in the second round and forced a standing eight-count before the airman was saved by the bell.

"I was able to execute my game plan and show my level of skill," said Daniels, 29, of Muskegon,

Mich., who won his second consecutive Armed Forces title. "I've been striving for this for a very long time. I've been training in the Army to pursue my Olympic dream. This is just one chapter of the dream."

Abdullah was relieved to get Daniels qualified for the trials.

"When he's on, he's on," Abdullah said. "He's one of the best 119-pounders in the nation. I feel very good about getting him on the (Olympic) team."

Fort Carson's Mason was pumped up and razor sharp during his 25-4 demolition of Air Force Airman 1st Class Robert Luna Jr. for the 141-pound crown. He knocked Luna down in the second round with an overhand right and landed several crisp combinations to the airman's head, forcing a standing eight-count in the fourth round. Mason also landed several solid right hooks in one of his finest bouts of the year.

"To be qualified for the Olympic Trials is a blessing," said Mason, 21, of Columbus, Ohio. "I've been thinking about this forever, and I was prepared. I'd already made all my plans for going to the trials. I put the pressure on myself, and I came out and delivered."

Fort Carson's Leverette, 30, of Brent, Ala., won the heavyweight crown with a 13-5 decision over Marine Cpl. Roderick Prevost of Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Two more Soldiers reached the finals but settled for silver medals.

Spc. Mahlon Kerwick of Fort Carson dropped an 18-13 decision to Airman 1st Class Hector Ramos. They were tied 12-12 entering the final round before Ramos' stick-and-move tactics prevailed in the 132-pound finale.

In the final bout of the evening, super heavyweight Sgt. Deutsch Puu of Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, lost a 31-13 decision to Navy Master at Arms 2nd Class Israel Spencer of Seal Beach, Calif.

Soldier selected as Olympic wrestling coach

by Tim Hippi

Army News Service

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — Staff Sgt. Shon Lewis, coach of the U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program wrestlers at Fort Carson, Colo., has been selected as one of three coaches to lead Team USA's Greco-Roman wrestlers in the 2004 Olympic Games at Athens, Greece.

Lewis will coach alongside USA Wrestling National Greco-Roman coach Steve Fraser of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Andy Seras of Sandy Hook, Conn. All three will share equal responsibilities. The selections have been forwarded to the U.S. Olympic Committee for final approval.

"It is a great honor to be recommended to be on the staff to take our nation's best athletes to the Athens Games to compete in Greco-Roman wrestling," said Lewis, 36, of Oakland, Calif. "It is with pride that we work to help develop young athletes to win medals and pursue their goals. It's an honor to be selected to take on this task."

A four-time national champion and 13-time Armed Forces champion on the mats, Lewis evolved

as a soldier-athlete into head coach of the Army's WCAP wrestlers and has led them to three consecutive national team titles.

Now Lewis is tasked to take on the world with America's best Greco-Roman wrestlers.

"For our team, mental toughness and mat awareness are important," said Lewis, who led Sgt. Dremiel Byers to the 2002 Greco-Roman heavyweight world championship. "We have to learn to mentally will ourselves to victory. We have to win the last two minutes of every match. That will be a big focus for us, whether it is scoring points or getting the passivity calls."

Lewis, an infantryman, served as head coach of the 2003 U.S. Greco-Roman World team that finished 13th in Cretiel, France. He also was an assistant coach for the 2002 U.S. Greco-Roman World Team that placed fifth in the World Championships at Moscow, Russia.

"Picking it up a notch, and closing out the match is important," Lewis said. "As long as we stay focused, we are on the right track. We don't have to change anything — we just have to get better."

Lewis, a three-time World Cup U.S. Team member, said he left his wrestling shoes on the mat after being eliminated from the 2000 U.S. Olympic Wrestling Trials at Reunion Arena in Dallas with a goal of restoring proud tradition to the Army wrestling program.

"That was the main reason I hung up my boots," he said after completing his first All-Army camp as head coach nearly a year later. "It wasn't because I couldn't continue to compete at this level or keep winning. My record speaks for itself. It's all about winning and giving these young soldiers the opportunity to win. I want to restore that kind of tradition."

Lewis since has done just that. He coached Byers and Pfc. Tina George to 2002 Army Athlete of the Year honors. George also won a gold medal in the 2003 Pan American Games and back-to-back silver medals in the past two World Championships.

"I think the ultimate way to show you're sincere about the sport and sincere about the program is to help build the future rather than hindering the future," Lewis said. "I have a passion for showing technique and teaching."

Celebrate 'yuletide in Taos'

Story and photos
by Nel Lampe
Mountaineer staff

Taos — a picturesque town in north central New Mexico — has been inhabited for hundreds of years. It's a small town, with low profile reddish-brown adobe buildings, reminiscent of Santa Fe, but smaller and closer to Fort Carson. Taos is a rather small town of just over 6,000, with history, a decided Spanish influence and lots of art.

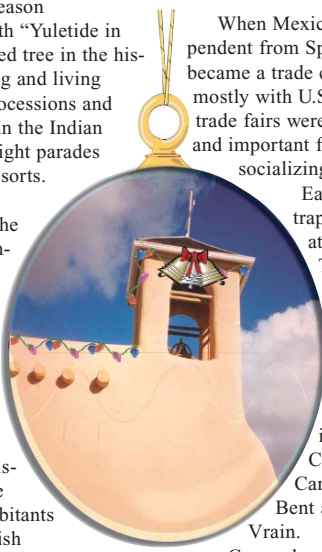
Each holiday season Taos celebrates with "Yuletide in Taos," with a lighted tree in the historic plaza, caroling and living nativity scenes. Processions and dances take place in the Indian pueblos and torchlight parades take place at ski resorts.

Tiwa-speaking Indians settled in the Taos area after hundreds of years of living in pit houses throughout the Taos Valley. It is believed the area has been inhabited since 3,000 B.C.

Spanish conquistadors explored the area and later inhabitants of Taos were Spanish colonists who built missions and settlements in the 17th century. The town of Taos was officially founded in 1598 as a New Spain colony. Although driven away many times, the Spanish settlers returned again and again.



Much of the construction in Taos is traditional adobe, showing the Spanish influence.



When Mexico became independent from Spain, Taos became a trade center, trading mostly with U.S. citizens. Taos trade fairs were well-known and important for trading and socializing in the 1700s.

Early traders and trappers were attracted to the Taos area in the early 1800s. Familiar names from Kansas and Colorado Territories were also well known in Taos. Such as Christopher "Kit" Carson, Charles Bent and Ceran St. Vrain.

Carson bought a house in Taos in 1826 for his second wife, Maria Josefa Jaramillo. He owned the house until his death in 1868 and also had a ranch at Raydo, N.M. The house now serves as the Kit Carson Museum. Carson died in Colorado, but is buried in Taos, in



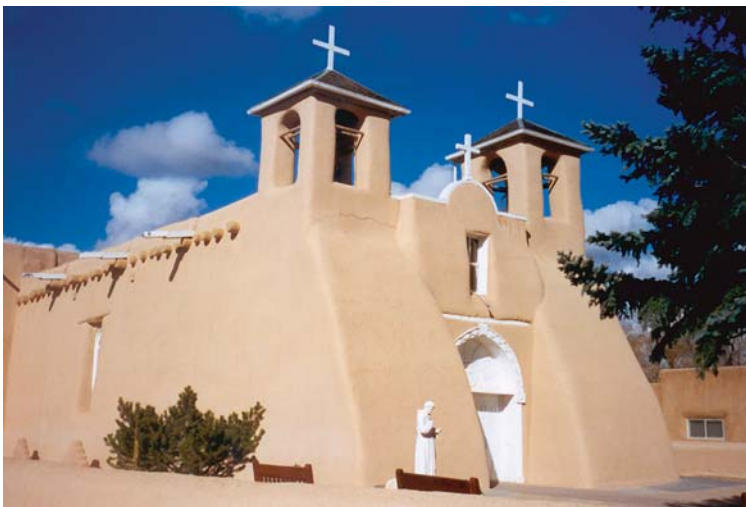
Specialty shops are at the historic town plaza in Taos.

Kit Carson Memorial State Park, just blocks from the Carson House.

Bent later served as New Mexico's first governor. For a time Carson had worked for Bent's Fort as a hunter.

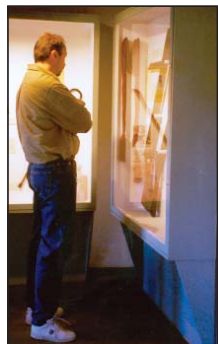
Bent was killed in an uprising in 1847. His home is on Bent Street and can be visited.

Art came to Taos by accident. In 1898 two young artists, Ernest Blumenschein and Bert Phillips, had just completed their study in Paris. The artists were on a sketching trip to New Mexico when a wagon wheel broke near Taos. By the time the wheel was repaired, the artists had been captivated by the culture and landscape of the Taos region. Phillips never left Taos, and Blumenschein returned every year for 20 years before purchasing a permanent home in



The famous San Francisco de Asis Church is in Rancho de Taos, a town adjacent to Taos

Happening's



Places to see in the Pikes Peak area.

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Taos

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Taos.

Visitors can learn more about the Taos Art Colony at The Blumenschein Home and Museum, which is filled with Blumenschein's art and that of other Taos artists. The Blumenschein family's antiques and personal possessions are also displayed.

The Blumenschein Home and Museum is at 222 Ledoux St.; the phone number is (505) 758-0505.

Other museums to see include the Kit Carson Home at 113 E. Kit Carson Road. It is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and is closed Christmas and New Year's Day. Entrance is \$5 for adults and \$3 for those under 16. The museum has a small gift shop with several books about Kit Carson.

The Martinez Hacienda, is the home of a leading 19th century Taos family. The hacienda is made of adobe and includes 20 rooms, and was built to protect the family and its cattle from raiders. The hacienda is furnished and contains exhibits about the Spanish Colonial influence and the trade industry. It is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and costs \$5 for adults and \$3 for children under 16.

Another place to visit is the historic San Francisco de Asis Church in Ranchos de Taos, a small town adjacent to Taos on the south. It is the most photographed church in the nation. The stucco church is made of timber rafters, adobe and masonry. Its simple lines and bulky four-foot thick walls make it look like a sculpture. Three white crosses on the front of the church contrast against a bright blue New Mexico sky. The church is open to visitors Monday through Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The church closes for special services and holidays.

Henri Ault's "The Shadow of the Cross," known as the mystery painting, is in the Parish



The Kit Carson House and Museum is at 113 E. Kit Carson Road. in Taos.

Office next door to the church. It can be viewed from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Saturday for \$3.

About 25 miles from Taos is the Vietnam Veterans National Memorial at Angel Fire, via New Mexico Highway 64. The memorial is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily; the chapel is open forever.

Historic Indian Pueblo communities are near the town of Taos. One of these Indian villages, Taos Pueblo, has been continuously inhabited for more than 1,000 years. Taos Pueblo, and Picuris Pueblo are open to visitors by admission. The Taos Pueblo is generally open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and adult admission is \$10 and \$3 for children under 12. There is also a camera fee and a video camera fee of \$3 each. Contact the Taos Pueblo Tourism office at (505) 758-1028 or visit the Web site at www.taospueblo.com for further information.

Taos Pueblo has a Procession of the Blessed Mother scheduled for Dec. 24 and a Deer or Matachines Dance Dec. 25.

The Picuris Pueblo is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. A self-guided tour is \$3, and a still camera fee is \$5. A movie or video camera fee is \$15. Call (505) 587-2519 or go online at www.picurispueblo.com for information. The Picuris Pueblo has a Sundown Torchlight, Procession of the Virgin, Vespers and a Matchina Dance scheduled Dec. 24. A Matachina Dance is scheduled Dec. 25 and Holy Innocent's Day and a Children's Dance are set for Dec. 28.

In addition to observing traditional Indian life and ceremonies, crafts, wares and foods are usually sold.

With an elevation only slightly higher than Colorado Springs, Taos has an average December temperature is a high of 43 degrees, the low is about 12 degrees.

And Taos is just 15 miles away from a ski area — Taos Ski Valley, one of the nation's most popular resorts.

Two other ski resorts are nearby: Angel Fire Resort is about 30 minutes away and Red River Ski and snowboard area is 38 miles from Taos.

Taos is about 235 miles from Fort Carson. It is west of Interstate 25, between Raton and Santa Fe. Take U.S. 64 West just south of Raton at Exit 454, marked "Cimarron and



Kit Carson is buried in the Kit Carson Memorial State Park in Taos.

Taos." Highway 64 passes near the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial at Angelfire.

Stop at the New Mexico Tourist Information Center in Raton near the Highway 87 exit for free brochures, maps and information.

The Taos County Chamber of Commerce can be reached at (800) 732-TAOS or online at taoschamber.com. The Taos Visitor Center is at (800) 816-1516.



Kit Carson's picture hangs over a fireplace in his adobe house in Taos. The house now serves as a museum.

Just the Facts

- **Travel time** almost five hours
- **For ages** all
- **Type** Historic town
- **Fun factor** ★★★★★ (Out of 5 stars)
- **Wallet damage** varies
 - \$ = Less than \$20
 - \$\$ = \$21 to \$40
 - \$\$\$ = \$41 to \$60
 - \$\$\$\$ = \$61 to \$80
 - Based on a family of four)

Get Out!

Denver Art Museum

“El Greco to Picasso,” a collection from the Phillips Collection, is at the Denver Art Museum through Jan. 4.

Nutcracker

“The Nutcracker,” a Colorado Ballet production, is in the Paramount Theatre, 1621 Glenarm Place in Denver, just off the 16th Street Mall. Performances are Thursdays through Sundays. Ticket prices begin at \$10, and are available at Ticketmaster, 520-9090 or at www.ColoradoBallet.com, through Dec. 28.

Christmas at Children's Museum

The Buell Children's Museum celebrates the holidays with “Everything Nutcracker,” through Jan. 3. The museum at 2100 N. Santa Fe Ave., in Pueblo, is open 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesdays through Saturdays. Admission is \$4 for adults and \$3 for children. Take exit 98b off Interstate 25 south.

Holiday at the Zoo

“Holiday at the Zoo” is the Colorado Springs Philharmonic presentation Dec. 28 at 2:30 p.m. at the Pikes Peak Center, 190 S. Cascade. Call 520-7469 for tickets.

New Year's Eve Concert

The Colorado Springs Philharmonic presents a New Year's Eve Concert at 8 p.m. Dec. 31. Tickets are available at 520-7469.

Comedian

Jerry Seinfeld is set for two shows Jan. 30 at the Pikes Peak Center, 190 S. Cascade. Call 520-SHOW for tickets which start at \$46.50.

Dragon Tales Live

“Dragon Tales Live” takes a Journey to Crystal Cave. This adventure with singalong music features Emmy, Max and their Dragon Land friends. Shows are Jan. 16 at 7 p.m., Jan. 17 at 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m., and Jan. 18 at 1 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Ticket

prices begin at \$12; call 576-2626 or go online at www.dragontaleslive.com.

Seven Falls in holiday lights

Seven Falls is lighted each year during the holidays. Until Dec. 28, except for Christmas Eve, evening admission is suspended and entrance is a \$3 donation to charity. Souvenirs and refreshments are available for purchase.

Rocky Mountain Christmas

Old Colorado City celebrates “A Rocky Mountain Christmas” during weekends until Christmas, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., there's Santa Claus, carolers and horse-drawn carriage rides. Old Colorado City is a restored historic shopping district on West Colorado Avenue, between 24th and 27th streets.

Holidays at the zoos

“Electricritters” is through December in the Pueblo Zoo. The special holiday has a small admission; go online at www.pueblozoo.org.

Cheyenne Mountain Zoo has its “Electric Safari” through Jan. 1, except for Christmas Eve. Admission is \$5.50 for adults, \$3.50 for children ages 3 to 11 and free for those under 3. Electric Safari is open from 5:30 p.m. until 9 p.m., except Christmas Eve.

“Wildlights” at the Denver Zoo runs through Dec. 31, from 5:30 to 9 p.m., when the whole zoo is bathed in holiday lights. Admission is \$7 for adults; children 3 to 11 are \$4 and under 2 are admitted free. The Denver Zoo is in City Park, just off Colorado Boulevard going north.

Castle in Christmas decor

Rosemount Castle in Pueblo is decorated in elaborate Victorian style during December. Tours are available Tuesday through Saturday, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Admission is \$6 for adults and children 6 to 18 are \$4.

National Stock Show

The Denver “National Western Stock Show” is set for Jan. 10 to 15, at the Coliseum.

Denver concerts

Bette Midler is in the Pepsi Center Jan. 31 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets start at \$48.50; call Ticketmaster 520-9090.

Sting is in Fillmore Auditorium, 1510 Clarkson in Denver, Feb. 5 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets start at \$62.50, call 520-9090.

Big Head Todd and the Monsters, along with the Hazel Miller Band, are in Fillmore Auditorium at 1510 Clarkson in Denver, Dec. 31. Call Ticketmaster, 520-9090 for tickets, starting at \$42.50.

Les Miserables

The Youth Repertory Theatre presentation of Les Miserables, will be repeated Jan. 15, 16, 17 and 18 at 7 p.m. and Jan. 18 at 1:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$17 at the door. Call the box office at 634-5583.

Travel film

“In Search of the Holy Grail” is the travel film shown Jan. 4 and 5, at 2 p.m. The film is shown in the Fine Arts Center theater at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$8 at the door. The Fine Arts Center is at 30 W. Dale St.

Big Band Dance

A Big Band Dance commemorating the 100th anniversary of the birth of Glen Miller is set for Feb. 28, from 6:30 to 20 p.m. in the Colorado Springs City Auditorium. Active duty military in uniform with valid ID will be admitted free to the dance.

World Arena concerts

Toby Keith brings his “Shock'n' Y'all” tour to the World Arena Jan. 25. Tickets start at \$49.75.

Linkin Park is at the World Arena Feb. 2. Tickets start at \$34.50.

Neil Young and Crazy Horse are in the World Arena Feb. 29. Tickets start at \$39.50.

Tickets are at the World Arena box office or call 576-2626.



Courtesy photo

Wildlights at zoo ...

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Program Schedule for Fort Carson cable Channel 10, today to Jan. 9.

Special Program: President George W. Bush addresses the Soldiers, civilians and family members of Fort Carson. Airs at 7 a.m., noon, 7 p.m. and midnight.

Army Newswatch: includes stories on the 2004 Defense Appropriation Bill, the incoming Sgt. Major of the Army and combat stress control (repeat). Airs at 7:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m. and 12:30 a.m.

Navy/Marine Corps News: includes stories on the Atlantic Undersea Test and Evaluation Center, the Afloat Training Group and the Navy's top recruiters of the year. Airs at 8 a.m., 1 p.m., 8 p.m. and 1 a.m.

Air Force News: Special Edition: "Making of a Pilot" (repeat) Airs at 8:30 a.m., 1:30

p.m., 8:30 p.m. and 1:30 a.m.

Channel 9 daily broadcasts SCOLA, foreign language news broadcasts. Access the schedule at the Fort Carson Web site.

If you have comments on Channel 10 programming or wish to coordinate a broadcast on Channel 10, please contact Chief of Command Information at 526-1241 or via e-mail at CommandInfo@carson.army.mil.

Program times will be published in the *Mountaineer* provided coordination is made one week prior to publication.

If you wish to have a training videotape shown on Channel 9 only, contact the Regional Training Support Center at 526-5111.

For additions to the Community Calendar, please submit an e-mail to the above address, send a clean, typewritten copy of the information to the Public Affairs Office, room 2180, 6151 Specker Ave., Fort Carson, CO 80913 or fax information to 526-1021 no later than the Friday before the desired airing time.